



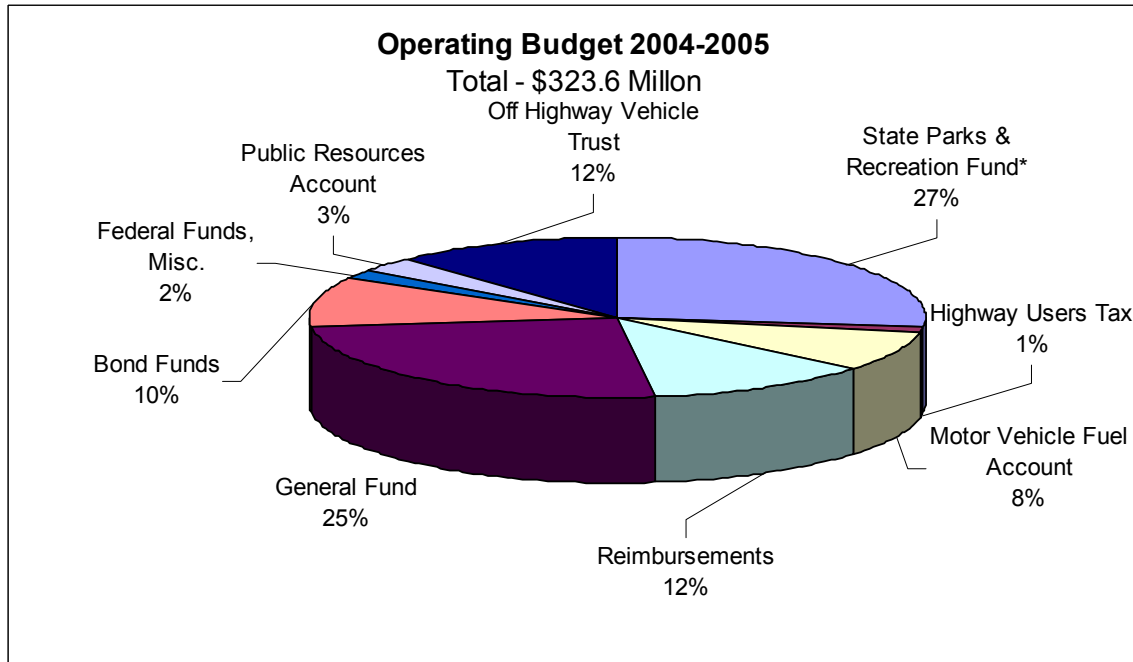
California State Parks

Quick Facts



As of 1/11/2005

Dollars and Cents



California State Parks' 2004-2005 Operating Budget is \$323.6 Million, from the following sources:

- State Parks and Recreation Fund¹ = \$ 87.1 Million
- General Fund = \$ 82.3 Million
- Reimbursements = \$ 38.1 Million
- OHV Trust = \$ 37.8 Million
- Bond Funds = \$ 31.2 Million
- Motor Vehicle Fuel Account = \$ 26.6 Million
- Public Resources Account = \$ 10.7 Million
- Federal Funds/Miscellaneous = \$ 6.4 Million
- Highway Users Tax (Roads) = \$ 3.4 Million

- California State Park fees increased July 1, 2004 to off set budget cuts, provide additional funding for ongoing maintenance and seasonal staff to keep the parks open and operating for millions of visitors. With the passage of the 2004-05 State Budget, the General Fund appropriation for State Parks was reduced by \$15 million. The July 1, 2004 fee increase will allow parks to recapture this loss, as well as raise an additional \$3 million. Of the additional \$3 million, \$1 million will be used to hire seasonal personnel required to staff the kiosks and entrance stations to collect the fees, and \$2 million will be used to address maintenance needs throughout the park system.

¹ *State Parks and Recreation Fund - The State Parks and Recreation Fund (also called SPRF) was created by legislation in 1979, Chapter 1065, Statutes of 1979 (Public Resources Code 5010). All fees[#] earned by the department from camping, day use, museums, concessions, etc. are deposited into SPRF and are "available for expenditure for state park planning, acquisition, and development projects, operation of the state park system, and resource and property management and protection, when appropriated by the Legislature." Historically, SPRF revenues have been used for the support of the State Park System. None of the fees earned by the Department are deposited into the State's General Fund. #Note: exception—fees earned at State Vehicular Recreation Areas are deposited in the Off-Highway Vehicle Trust Fund and fees earned at Sno-Parks are deposited into the Winter Recreation Fund.



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Concessions and Cooperating Associations in State Park Units

- California State Parks' Concessions Program includes over 170 concession contracts, including for-profit and non-profit concessionaires. (2003/04)
- California State Parks 46 operating agreements with public agencies to operate some state park units or portions thereof. (2003/04)
- State Park units act as an economic boost to local communities. For example, a study by Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo found that visitors to Morro Bay State Park added \$15 million to the local economy in direct and indirect expenditures over two years. The visitors' expenditures were responsible for 364 jobs in Morro Bay, primarily in recreation and amusement, hotels, restaurants, and retail shops.
- A study prepared for the Department in 2002 determined that the 85.2 million visitors to the State Park System in the 2001/02 fiscal year generated approximately \$2.6 million in visitor spending in local communities during that year, and supported over 100,000 jobs statewide.
- Gross sales through the Concessions Program exceed \$94 million and the department collects over \$10 million in rent. (2003/04)
- The largest grossing concessions are located in these park units:
 - Old Town San Diego SHP
 - Asilomar SB
 - Pfeiffer Big Sur SP
 - Hearst Castle®
- Hearst Castle® generated net revenue from tours in the amount of \$6.5

million in 2003/04, the largest amount generated from user fees the State Park System. However, this revenue only accounted for about two-thirds of the operating cost of the unit.

- Unique concessions:
 - Fremont Peak State Park, Fremont Peak Observatory Association - Uses the Association's telescope to present educational astronomical programs to the public. Run exclusively by volunteers.
 - Concessionaires of Columbia and Old Town San Diego SHP - provide a wide variety of retail goods (such as a Chinese import store, gold jewelry, and candy) and services (such as metal smithing and personal portraits) that recreate the atmosphere of the villages during their hey day.
 - Mendocino Woodlands State Park - Rent historic Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) era cottages for a family reunion, Girl Scout Camp, or company retreat. The large cottages come complete with stone fireplaces and wooden decks.
 - Organ Grinder with a Monkey – a visual and audio touch of history at Monterey State Historic Park
- A total of 80 Cooperating Associations are active in park units throughout the state. The funds generated by these associations through sales at park stores, special event admissions, and fund raising go to the continuation of interpretive programs at the individual parks. The net income of these associations in 2003 was nearly \$11 million.



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Grants and Local Funding

- Over the last 40 years, the Office of Grants and Local Services has administered over \$2 billion in local assistance grants. Several bond acts have been approved by California voters, the most recent being Proposition 40, the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Act of 2002, which provides \$870 million for local assistance grants. These funds

are distributed through both per capita and block grants, and competitive grants.

- The Department also administers several other annual grant programs: the Habitat Conservation Fund, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Recreational Trails Program.
- Funding amounts and filing dates for current grant programs are:

Program Name	Available Funds	Final Application Filing Date
Habitat Conservation Fund	\$ 2 Million	October 3, 2005
Recreational Trails Program	\$2.2 Million	October 3, 2005
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Pending Federal appropriation	May 2, 2005

- The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division has administered \$257.8 million in off-highway vehicle grants to local, tribal and federal agencies.